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THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
All Saints' Day.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Nov. 2:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Ravenshill" Littleton and Park Roads.

FRIDAY, Nov. 3:—
7.50 a.m.—Requiem Mass in the R.C. Cathedral.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household and Office Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, Nov. 4:—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Provisions at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
9 p.m.—Assault at Arms at Theatre Royal, City Hall.

SUNDAY, Nov. 5:—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao, by "S.S. Taishan".

MONDAY, Nov. 6:—
Public Holiday.
Shanghai Races—1st day.

FRIDAY, Nov. 10:—
4.18 a.m.—Full Moon.

SATURDAY, Nov. 11:—
9 p.m.—Ministering Children's League Sale of Work in Government House Grounds.

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ambitions in China, and the fact that Russia is so largely indebted to America for her war supplies is an additional reason why Russia would be unlikely to press her objection. There is, of course, the same freedom from political motive on America's part in regard to the canal project, which is described as the "forerunner of the larger and partly philanthropic plan to drain the region of the Huni river," where calamitous floods have wrought havoc for many years past. It would be lamentable indeed if this great scheme had to be abandoned solely because of political jealousy.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

TRIAL FOR FORGERY.

"E. D. C. WOLFE" QUOTED AS BENEVOLENT FRIEND.

The trial of Wong Chan Wan, a former clerk at the Harbour Office, on an indictment of forgery and uttering two cheques for a total of \$6,000 was continued at the Criminal Session to-day. The case for the prosecution concluded about noon.

Mr. G. N. Orme was Counsel for the Crown and accused was defended by Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. Edgar Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings).

The prisoner, giving evidence, said he was 21 years of age and came to Hongkong in December last from Ipoh, F.M.S., where he had a wife and mother. His salary at the Harbour Office was \$40 a month. Lau and he dined together several times and they often gambled. Lau being the lucky one and winning \$380 for which accused gave an I.O.U. It was not given for small loans. Lau had pressed him twice for the money, saying he was hard up. Lau told him he had a friend who would lend him money if he needed it, but later this friend said he had no cash at the time. That friend would be pleased to sign any cheques and had a large sum of money at the bank. Lau's friend lived at the Peak, and if he went home and got his own blank cheques it would be too late to cash them at the bank. Lau then asked prisoner to get a blank cheque which he said he would give to his friend. Accused said he asked Lau to come later as he was busy. About 1 o'clock the same day Lau came again and pressed him for the cheque, saying his friend was waiting for him outside. He obtained one cheque and gave it to Lau, and about five minutes afterwards Lau came again, and asked for another blank cheque, giving as his reason that his friend was going to lend him a very large amount. Accused got the second blank cheque and subsequently he endorsed both cheques, as Lau had promised to lend him \$1,000, so that he might return the \$380. Lau suggested that accused should sign them as he was going to cash them for his friend, being of the opinion that if his other friends knew he had that money they would press him for advances made. Accused denied that he forged Mr. Wolfe's signature and he did not fill in the cheques at all.

Cross-examined by Mr. Orme, accused said he had some rich relations in Hongkong. He told Lau to ask his brother-in-law, named Ching, for the \$300 gambling debt. In consequence of Lau pressing him he went to Ching. Lau further pressed him to send a telegram to Ipoh for the money. He wrote a telegram but did not send it as it was too late to go to the Post Office. He took the two blank cheques from the drawer of the Superintendent of Imports & Exports. When accused was asked to endorse the cheques he found thereon the name "E. D. C. Wolfe." Lau said this was his friend on the Peak and accused did not know who he was.

Interrogated by the Chief Justice, accused said Lau told him he was going to get the cheques cashed by his friends, so he did not wish to endorse them himself. Referring to a dinner at which there were fourteen guests prisoner said he was to pay for the dinner with money which Lau had promised to bring for him. Lau also said he would be pleased to lend him \$1,000 or \$400 at least so that he could pay the gambling debt.

The jury found the defendant not guilty on the first and second charges. He was then arraigned for the third charge of uttering two blank cheques belonging to Mr. Davidson. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The sentence to run from the date of his arrest in custody.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

VIEWS OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council this afternoon the Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second reading of the Bill introduced, "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding eight million six hundred and five thousand one hundred and five dollars to the Public Service of the year 1917."

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK said:—Sir, I have been asked by the Unofficial Members of Council to speak on their behalf in reply to Your Excellency's speech on the Estimates for 1917. On the one hand we desire to express our gratification that the Revenue of the Colony has proved of an expansive nature and has thus enabled us to have a fairly full programme of Public Works. On the other hand we cannot, in view of the present nature of some of our sources of Revenue, afford to launch out with too great freedom, especially in view of possible unforeseen expenditure with the War and other matters.

In the footnote (3) on page 8 of the Estimates, we notice an estimated expenditure of \$13,000 for 1916, and we hope that that sum represents the last payment to be made to the contractor and shall be glad to know if this is so.

As regards the suggested increase in the Staff of the Exports and Imports Department, we agree that such an increase is urgently required for the purpose of obviating delays, and we would urge that it would be a great convenience to the mercantile community if a Branch Office could be established in a central position such as the Post Office Building. In connection with the searching of passengers at the wharves for arms and opium we desire to state that serious complaints have reached some of us, and we trust that means may be found to remedy such abuses which are a hindrance to the river-traffic of this Colony.

We would also suggest that it is a great inconvenience for travellers to be obliged to go up to the Central Police Station, which is somewhat out of the way, for their passes, and the Post Office Building appears to be most conveniently situated for this purpose.

Under the heading of Supreme Court, on page 4 of the Estimates, we notice that a 1st grade Translator has been replaced by a 2nd grade Translator, and we would urge upon the Government the desirability of steps being taken for the improvement of the translation branch of the Service because in the Supreme Court sometimes the whole decision turns upon the correct translation of a single word. In a big case, where there is plenty of money involved, probably both sides would be able to overcome the difficulty by calling experts as witnesses, but in smaller cases such a procedure would prove both expensive and dilatory, and we would suggest that it should be made possible for the Judge, if neither party wished to go to the expense of calling experts, to invoke the assistance of some Cadet in the Government Civil Service, for the purpose of obtaining a second opinion on a question of disputed translation. The subject is a difficult one, but it seems clearly desirable that something should be done, and we hope that the Government may, after consulting with the learned Judges of the Supreme Court, be able to effect some improvement upon the present arrangements.

In connection with the administration of the Government Civil Hospital I intend shortly to bring a resolution before this Council, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to discuss such administration upon the present occasion. In connection with the small saving, on page 67 of the Estimates, under the heading "Support of lunatics abroad," we would ask why the Government has reverted to the old practice of sending Chinese Lunatics to the Chinese Authorities at Canton, instead of to the John Keir Hospital at Canton, and we must confess to feeling some doubt as to the desirability of the alteration. We think it regrettable also that the present Estimates contain no provision for the improvement of the Lunatic Asylum which is highly discreditable to the Colony, because its cramped accommodation and restricted space for exercise must tend to have an injurious effect upon the inmates.

On the subject of Education, we desire to state that we consider that the teaching of the English language to Chinese Boys in the schools of this Colony is not so good as it ought to be. Passing on now to the subject of Public Works, we have naturally some comments to make and questions to ask in connection with this important Department, on which we are spending 20% of our Revenue. With regard to item 9 on page 97 "for improvements to roads and bridges outside the City," we desire to express the opinion that this item which stands at the same figure as in former years is not sufficient in amount. While we approve of the road being extended beyond Deep Water Bay, on its way to make a circuit round the Island, we consider that it is of far more pressing and urgent importance that the present roads out to Deep Water Bay, namely the Pokfulam Road, and the Jubilee (or Victoria) Road, which are now so much used by motorists, should be improved both as regards blind corners and some of the bridges. We think

also that the roadway between the paper-works at Aberdeen and the new road to Deep Water Bay should be widened and improved.

Coming now to Buildings (on page 99), we are glad to note that the quarters for Subordinate Officers at Happy Valley are to be completed in 1917, and that the Extension to the Central Police Station is to be more vigorously proceeded with. As regards the next item of \$35,000 for accommodation for the Imports and Exports Office, we would be glad to know what is the estimated total cost of the work, and we would ask a similar question with regard to item 5 for \$13,000, "2nd block of Quarters for Subordinate Officers on Mount Parish," and in connection with Quarters for Subordinate Officers generally, we should like to know whether the completion of all the quarters figuring in the present Estimates will conclude the Government's present scheme for the housing of subordinate officers or whether further quarters are likely to be required in the near future, and if so, to what extent.

With regard to item 8 (b) on page 99, of \$37,500 for the improvement of that section of the Deep Water Bay to Tytarm Tuk section of road which goes from Deep Water Bay to Repulse Bay, we should like to know what will be roughly the cost of making the remainder of that section fit for motor traffic, and similarly, in connection with item 8 (c) we should like to know roughly what would be the cost of a motor road from Tytarm gap, down to Shaikwan. Under the heading of Waterworks, on page 101, we are glad to see that the additional Services Reservoir at West Point and the Tytarm Tuk scheme (2nd section) are to be both of them complete in 1917.

Under the heading of Kowloon, on the same page, we should like to know whether the sums of \$35,000 and \$18,000 under items 29 and 30, represent the estimated total expenditures on those works, and if not, what are such totals. We should also like to know what are the "General Works" on roads in Kowloon, costing \$22,000, which are item 34 (b). In connection with Kowloon we suggest that the small children's playground near Hung Hom Railway Station ought to be improved by the erection of shelters from the weather and by the planting of shrubs and shade-trees round the edges. We would also suggest that some public seats might be placed in Nathan Road, near the Church. From item 39, on the same page, we are glad to note that the Government intends to resume the Ferry Service on the Victoria and Yau-mai Samshui runs, and we trust that steps will be taken, by throwing the Ferry Service open to public competition, to secure an adequate and regular Ferry Service to the public.

Before leaving the subject of Public Works, we should be glad if the Director could give us some information as to when the Praya East Reclamation is likely to be begun. The foreshore on Praya East, at low water, has been increasingly disagreeable to the sense of smell for some years past, and if this Reclamation is not likely to be begun soon, we would suggest that the drains and sewer pipes might be fed further along the foreshore. Another point which seems to require watching, from the Public Health point of view, is the raking about by poor Chinese in the stuff deposited in dust-boats on the Praya and in dustbins in the streets.

We approve of the re-casting of the system of Accounts of the Kowloon Canton Railway, and we hope that it may be found possible to reduce somewhat the working expenses of this costly undertaking. We would also most strongly urge upon the Government the desirability of vigorously pressing upon the Chinese Authorities the necessity for fulfilling their Agreement to link up this line with the Railway which is now being built from Canton to Hankow.

Another point upon which we would ask Your Excellency to take action is in connection with the site for the erection of the new building for the Hongkong Branch of the European Young Men's Christian Association. It is most advisable that a central site, which is easily accessible by rickshaw from the landing stages, should be acquired, and we would therefore ask you to approach the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of a grant of a site in a central situation being made to the Association, upon easy terms.

In conclusion we would venture to express the hope that the residents of this Colony will continue to give liberal financial assistance for the prosecution of the War, and that the local War Loan, which has recently been offered for subscription, may prove to be a very great success, and we would suggest for consideration that the Sinking Fund might be invested by the Government in 3% Exchange Bonds, so as to get further aid the War Fund.

The Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAI, speaking on behalf of the senior Chinese member and himself, supported the remarks of the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, relative to searching people leaving and arriving in the Colony. From the nature of his complaints made it was evident that the present system of searching by the native excise men and police was capable of much improvement and he suggested the attendance of a more responsible officer, to whom the passengers could turn for guidance. Many allegations of a serious nature had already been circulated among the Chinese for some time which had been communicated to the Secretary of State.

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Too many subjects were crammed into the heads of present day students and Chinese boys learning English did not as a rule speak and write so well as the students of a decade or two ago (hear, hear.) That matter he commended to the attention of the authorities.

The Hon. Mr. WAT YUK supported these remarks. The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK supported the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK. While it was the desire of everyone to avoid a controversy in the circumstances of the present war, it was not possible for a Bill authorising the expenditure of such a huge sum of money to escape criticism. Representing the commercial community he urged the removal of the Pass Office to a more central position, and if possible the removal of the Pass Office to the former site. The Pass Office was a difficult place for a visitor to find, and should be on the Praya, close to the arrival and departure of the larger vessels. A good deal of time was also wasted through the Permit Office being at the Harbour Office, and the merchants of the Colony submitted for the consideration of the Government the suggestion that this office might be removed to a more convenient place. Regarding large sums of money spent in the New Territories they thought too much was being spent, to the neglect of certain wanted improvements on the Island. With regard to the complaints as to searching, he had repeatedly been on the wharf and seen the examination of passengers and described the present system as discourteous if not positively barbarous. He had seen letters rudely torn open and when he asked why this was being done was told a search was being made for revolutionary matters.

The Hon. Director of Public Works gave a detailed reply to the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK. The last payment to the contractor for the Yau-mai refuge was final. The Government thought money would be better expended extending roads rather than in effecting very useful improvements to existing roads. The improvements would be taken into consideration when funds were available. More quarters would be required for sub-ordinate officers and it was intended that quarters should be provided for those on the staff who were in receipt of comparatively small salaries. Regarding the "road round the Island" he estimated a cost of \$200,000 in addition to the present estimate. The amount expended over the estimate in Public Works, Kowloon, was \$17,210 and \$5,000 unforeseen.

Regarding the reclamation scheme matters had progressed, but it was not possible to give a date for commencement. The matter depended largely on the acceptance of the proposed terms by the land holders interested. The carrying out of the sewers would not take away the smell if steps were not taken to cover the mud the smell would remain as it was.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY said it would probably take 24 years before the assessment paid for the Yau-mai refuge. Regarding interpreters and translators, a first class man commanded a high fee which was more than human nature could face. The younger men were of good promise and they hoped, with experience, would become equal to those who had gone. The Government would be pleased to receive suggestions. As to the ferry service the subject was of great interest and when the Government was in possession of certain plans the exact form of the future service would be considered. That was hoped for at any date.

H.E. the GOVERNOR replied on the whole debate promising that consideration would be given to all the points raised.

The Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to make provision in connection with the present war with respect to Bills of Exchange payable outside the Colony."

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

AMENDMENT TO TRUSTEE ORDINANCE.

The Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL introduced an amendment to the Trustee Ordinance 1901 and the standing orders were suspended to allow of the passing of the amendment through all its stages. The object of the bill was to empower trustees to invest trust funds in the loan authorised by the recent War Loan Ordinance, 1916.

The bill was passed through all stages and approved.

TAI YAU BANK AND WAR AEROPLANES.

Before proceeding with the order of the day, the Governor said, he would like to make a correction in what he said at the last meeting under the heading of Tai Yau Bank and War Aeroplanes.

On the subject of the Tai Yau Bank, he said that the bank had contributed to the war effort by purchasing aeroplanes to the value of \$1,000, and that the bank had also contributed to the war effort by purchasing aeroplanes to the value of \$1,000, and that the bank had also contributed to the war effort by purchasing aeroplanes to the value of \$1,000.

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THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO HON. MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon the Government replied to the further questions asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., on the purchase of drugs at the Government Civil Hospital and the allocation of the sisters' duties. At the last meeting the Governor gave an exhaustive statement on the Hospital Administration and owing to the amount of time absorbed in framing it the Government was unable at that meeting to deal with the questions already on the table.

The Hon. member's unanswered questions were:—
1. Of the sums of \$9,905, \$10,147, and \$9,714 stated at the last meeting of Council to have been expended in the years 1913, 1914, and 1915 respectively, will the Government state—
(i) how much of that expenditure represents drugs and disinfectants—
(a) supplied from home;
(b) purchased locally?
(ii) whether it is not the fact that the price of drugs and disinfectants has gone up considerably since the beginning of the war, with the result that the same sum of money purchased considerably less drugs and disinfectants since the war than it did before the war?
(iii) whether any savings were effected on the amounts voted for drugs and disinfectants in the years 1914 and 1915 or either of them, and if so, what were the amounts of such savings?

2. With reference to the morning allocation of Sisters at the Civil Hospital which was announced by His Excellency the Governor at the Council Meeting of the 3rd August last, namely—
A Block:
Morning, 1 Sister on each floor;
Operating Theatre, 1 Sister;
will the Government state—
(i) on what dates between the 22nd August and the date of these Questions (12th October) has been found possible to carry out the said intended morning scheme of allocation, namely, 1 Sister on each floor of A Block, and a separate Sister for the Operating Theatre; and
(ii) of what dates, between the said dates, one Sister alone has had to attend in the morning not only to the two floors in A Block but also to the Operating Theatre as well, that is to say, to do work which, under the above scheme of allocation, is supposed to be done by three Sisters?

3. What was the value of the drugs and disinfectants, consigned to the Hongkong Government, which went down in the "Yasaka Maru" in December, 1915?

The replies returned by the Government were as follows:—
1. (i) (a) 1913 \$8,400.
1914 \$6,323.
1915 \$7,811.
Owing to delay in presentation of the account a sum of \$599 in respect of drugs ordered for 1914 was not paid until 1915.
It is regretted that a mistake was made in respect of the total expenditure in 1914. The amount was \$9,791.

(b) The balance was spent locally. About half the local expenditure in 1914 was in respect of requirements which could not have been foreseen.
(ii) Yes, in some instances.
(iii) 1914 \$2,742.
1915 \$2,765.

2. (i) On the 22nd August.
(ii) September 1, 3-15, 19-30.
October 1, 4-12.
On no occasion was the Sister without a Nurse's assistance. Owing to leave and sickness it was not possible to give effect to the allocation arranged by H.E. the Governor. Since the 28th July three Sisters have been granted long leave to England, one sister was on sick leave from the 8th to the 17th September, and one has been similarly absent from the 19th September up to date, while under the new system of granting one and if possible two days off in the month, 11 days off were given to the Sisters in August, 12 days in September and 5 days in October up to the 12th instant. This short leave absorbs one Sister.

3. The value of the consignment was \$601.80.

DEATH OF MR. L. G. JOLLY.

We regret to record the death at Poonchong this morning of Mr. L. G. JOLLY, who was Agent of the Chartered Bank here. Mr. Jolly only recently returned from Home leave and has been somewhat with the bank. He was well known in the colony.

Mr. Jolly was born in 1861, and was educated at the Hong Kong College of Science and Technology. He was a member of the Hong Kong Club and the Hong Kong Jockey Club. He was a very popular and successful man, and his death is a great loss to the colony.

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Latest Advice.

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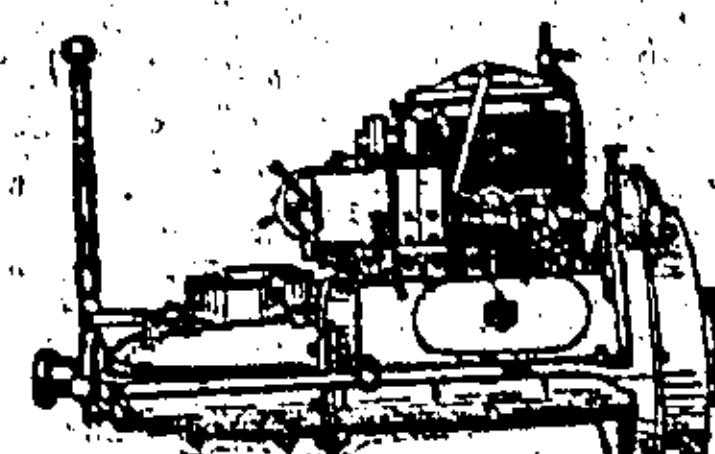
Temperatures.

Hongkong, October 31, 1916.
Barometer, 9 a.m. 30.12
Do, 1 p.m. 30.07
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 31st at 12.10.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. Japan and moderately over N. China and the Bonin Islands. It has increased slightly over S. Japan; changes elsewhere are small.

The anticyclone over China has weakened. Moderate monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 1st November—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN NOVEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends during the month of November, 1916:

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Nov. 1st.	6.15 a.m.	5.58 p.m.
" 2nd.	6.16 "	5.58 "
" 3rd.	6.17 "	5.57 "
" 4th.	6.17 "	5.57 "
" 5th.	6.18 "	5.56 "
" 6th.	6.19 "	5.55 "
" 7th.	6.19 "	5.55 "
" 8th.	6.19 "	5.55 "
" 9th.	6.20 "	5.54 "
" 10th.	6.20 "	5.54 "
" 11th.	6.21 "	5.54 "
" 12th.	6.21 "	5.53 "
" 13th.	6.22 "	5.53 "
" 14th.	6.23 "	5.53 "
" 15th.	6.24 "	5.51 "
" 16th.	6.25 "	5.51 "
" 17th.	6.26 "	5.50 "
" 18th.	6.26 "	5.50 "
" 19th.	6.27 "	5.50 "
" 20th.	6.28 "	5.50 "
" 21st.	6.28 "	5.50 "
" 22nd.	6.29 "	5.50 "
" 23rd.	6.29 "	5.50 "
" 24th.	6.30 "	5.49 "
" 25th.	6.31 "	5.49 "
" 26th.	6.31 "	5.49 "
" 27th.	6.31 "	5.49 "
" 28th.	6.32 "	5.49 "
" 29th.	6.32 "	5.49 "
" 30th.	6.33 "	5.49 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

OCTOBER 31, 1916.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Temperature at Sea Level.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force of Wind.	Weather.
W. I. Stock.	6.0	30.04	—	—	—	—
N. S. S. S.	6.0	30.04	—	—	—	—
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